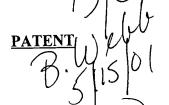


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Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2001, please amend the referenced application as follows:

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